



Paper No. 8

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In re Application of:
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Application No. 09/833,673
Filed: April 13, 2001
For: DISPLAY DEVICE

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DECISION ON PETITION

This is in response to the petition filed December 18, 2001, to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

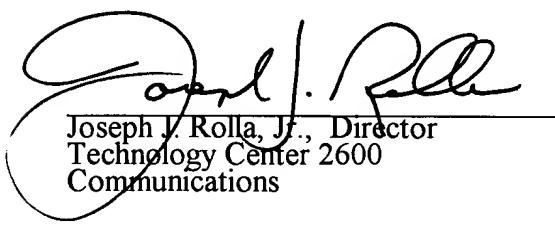
This application is in abandoned status due to the erroneous processing of a letter of Express Abandonment which was filed in the instant application on October 10, 2001. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 6, 2001.

Petitioner asserts that the letter of Express Abandonment that was filed on October 10, 2001 specifically abandons US application Serial Number 09/819,903 in favor of the instant application.

A review of the letter of Express Abandonment that was filed on October 10, 2001 confirms that copending US application Serial Number 09/819,903 should have been abandoned. The mistake in abandoning the instant application appears to have occurred at least in part because the header information on the letter of Express Abandonment filed October 10, 2001 identified the instant application, rather than the application being expressly abandoned. Inasmuch as the letter of Express Abandonment clearly states in the text of the letter that the instant application is not being abandoned, this application is not abandoned in fact. The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application file is being returned to TC 2600 Central Files to await action by the examiner of record in due course.


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